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Dear Parent/Carer

Out of School Hours Learning (OOSHL) Consultation- December 2015

You will probably know that over the last 2 weeks we have been consulting parents regarding our OOSHL provision. This was in direct response to a number of parental concerns, particularly with OOSHL being compulsory every day, especially during the winter months.

71 parents responded to the consultation, and a large number of those also took the time to leave further comments. I would like to thank everyone that responded as it has meant that we can make a more informed decision about OOSHL this year before a more in depth review during the Spring Term.

Out of the 71 responses almost 70% were in favour of OOSHL being optional at least 1 day per week and almost 70% were in favour of it being compulsory for 3 days or more. Many of the comments left by parents concentrated on similar themes:

- How useful OOSHL is and thanking the staff for their time
- How useful having homework club is
- That having some flexibility in OOSHL attendance would be beneficial
- How working families appreciate having a safe place for their children at school until 4pm
- That a longer day 5 days a week can be tiring for some students
- During the winter months there were some concerns over safety of students getting home late in the dark
- That some students do not finish their homework in homework club and still have more to do when they get home

Our decision, based on the consultation, is to **continue with compulsory OOSHL Monday – Wednesday and for it to be optional on Thursdays & Fridays** until further notice.

This is how it will work from Monday 7th December:

- ✓ All students will need to attend OOSHL Clubs Monday – Wednesday
- ✓ At least ONE of these sessions must be homework club
- ✓ If students are not completing homework on time they will have compulsory homework club *before* they are allowed to access other clubs
- ✓ If a student has a detention on Monday- Wednesday, they will complete it during OOSHL time (or break or lunch) on the same day
- ✓ With *parental consent* students can leave school at 3.15pm on Thursdays and Fridays- parents will need to contact Debbie Campbell (by email or letter) in the school office- her email is d.campbell@finhampark2.co.uk . We will not be able to allow students to leave school early without written parental consent.
- ✓ If students are given a detention for Thursday or Friday parents will be notified 24 hours in advance
- ✓ OOSHL clubs will continue to run EVERY DAY after school for students that wish to stay or cannot get home earlier
- ✓ The school bus times will remain the same as we have no control over this- we regularly enquire but no other buses or drivers are available
- ✓ If parents consent for their child to leave school early on Thursdays and/ or Fridays and they are on the school bus, it is the parent's responsibility to ensure their child can get home safely

I hope parents find this compromise appropriate and appreciate that we cannot please everyone, but we will always have the very best intentions for your child's education and safety at heart. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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